

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH NOTES.

The topic next Sunday will be "The Light of the World." This is the fifth sermon in the series on the Lord's Prayer. A hearty invitation is given to all to attend our services.

A quotation from Kagawa, the famous Japanese Christian Leader, is worth noting. It is "We take Jesus seriously." Is not that just what we all need to do? We certainly cannot expect much light to cheer us on our way if we do not avail ourselves of Him who is "The Light of the World." If there is anything that we ought to learn in these days of difficulty and trial, it is that happiness does not come to us in the satisfaction of desire, but rather through self-restraint. The excesses of the past have left us poor indeed. —I am not thinking of reduced financial resources, but poverty of spirit. The great trouble with us has been that we have not been taking Jesus seriously and it has brought us to the realization that we have missed the very best things of life. We should be all the happier if we could just take Jesus seriously and let the light of His truth be our guide.

WHIST DRIVE AND SOCIAL EVENING

The W. A. of the Anglican Church of Irma are holding a whist drive and social evening in the lodge rooms, the Headley block on Monday evening, February 8th, at the home of Mrs. Jack Fletcher. The whist will take up the first part of the evening and will be followed by a social hour during which lunch will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to come and have a good time. Time 8.30. Admission 5c.

The next regular meeting of the W. A. will be held on Tuesday, February 9th at the home of Mrs. Jack Fletcher. All the ladies are cordially invited.

ORGANIZING IRMA L. O. B. A.

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frickleton on Wednesday afternoon, February 3rd for the purpose of starting a L. O. B. A. Lodge in Irma. Sixteen ladies were present and a good start was made.

Mrs. Frickleton was chosen for worthy matron, and it was decided to call the lodge, "Irma L. O. B. A."

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Vera Webb were appointed a committee to start a play or something suitable to raise funds for the purchase of lodge equipment. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Frickleton and Mrs. Carter served a dainty lunch.

HOCKEY NEWS

All the hockey boys are now on the roost, still waiting to get a crack at one another. The intense cold has stopped hockey practices.

Next game will be played Thursday evening. The Lion's goal-tender is going to stop a large number of ripping shots. Atta boy, Chuck Detro.

The Tiger goal-tender will have to step to keep out of the way of some whistling rubbers which Edward and Bergeie are going to let loose, but don't let them through, will you Ernie?

Owing to the snowy condition of the weather the Carnival has been postponed to next Wednesday, February 10th.

Let's get ready for next Wednesday instead and have all the more fun when we hope old man winter will let up on the weather.

Postponed carnivals are disappointing but it gives more time to prepare the costumes and as a result more fun will be in store.

Don't forget that the carnival has been postponed to next Wednesday.

VALENTINE SOCIAL

On Monday evening, February 15th, the Irma Eastern Star have planned a Whist Drive. It will take the form of a Valentine social and will be held in the Lodge Hall. So come and bring all your friends and have another enjoyable time together. Watch for further announcement by posters.

SILVER TEA

A Valentine Silver Tea will be held in the Irma United Church on Saturday afternoon, February 13th, under the auspices of the Senior Girls class at Sunday School. Everybody come.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KINSELLA DISTRICT

Again this district has been saddened beyond words with the sudden death on Wednesday afternoon, January 27th, of Archer W. Smith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith, well known and highly respected old timers of the Kinsella district, who collapsed and died within a few minutes after having been inoculated against diphtheria by Dr. G. C. Haworth of Viking, in the Lake Vernon school house.

On account of an outbreak of diphtheria in the district it was thought advisable with the permission of the parents to inoculate all school children in the vicinity as a preventive measure. The shock was too great for the deceased who had been a sufferer with asthma ever since he had been a young child. He had been improving in health of late years, and was doing wonderfully well at his studies. He had a quiet disposition, a loving nature and fine sterling qualities, as well as being highly respected by his fellow school mates.

The deceased was born on December 18th, 1915, and would be a little over 17 years old at the time of his departure.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his father, mother and brother William and sister Ruth. The deepest sympathy of the entire district goes out to those so sadly bereaved.

The funeral service was held in the Lake Vernon school house on Saturday, January 30th at 11 o'clock. In spite of the cold spell prevailing, a large number of sorrowing friends and neighbors were in attendance to pay their last respect to the departed. A most fitting and beautiful sermon was delivered by the Rev. Cowan of the Anglican church, Sedgewick. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket, a mute testimony showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The last rites were performed at the Loughheed cemetery where the deceased was laid to rest.

The municipal elections will soon be on, but so far the pot is only smoldering slowly, with the expectation that things will warm up in the near future. It is definitely understood that the present Councillor, Mr. Frank Murray will be opposed by Mr. Frank Williams, in the Kinsella division, and it is rumored that Mr. K. C. Carter, Councillor for Jarrov division will have as his opponent, Mr. Thomas Overbo. The other division has not yet been heard from.

The postponed annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Lake Vernon school district was held in the school house on Saturday, and was again found necessary to set the meeting over until Saturday, February 6th, when it is hoped that the annual statement will be ready for presentation. At this meeting it was decided to send a delegate to the Trustee's Convention held in Calgary this week. This arrangement has since been cancelled.

It is reported that Bonny McMurray who was critically ill with diphtheria, is well on the way to recovery. No new cases have developed in the neighborhood, and it is to be hoped that none will.

An effort is being made by Mrs. E. McNary, teacher at the Lake Vernon school and others interested to have a branch of the Junior Red Cross organized. In order to become a member it is necessary to pay twenty-five cents and it is hoped that a goodly number will join.

On Saturday (at time of annual meeting of the district) a number of the school children brought cake and sandwiches to the school and a charge of ten cents was made for lunch to those wishing to get a bargain. The proceeds of this will go towards membership fees for school children.

The weather has been most severe during the past week with the temperature ranging all the way from ten to forty-five degrees below zero. It is somewhat milder today, and it is hoped that it soon will break into a milder spell.

A number of dances and public entertainments have been indefinitely postponed owing to the recent outbreak of diphtheria in the district. The Lake Vernon school which was closed for a few days as a precaution against this dread disease will

ALBERTA HOUSE OPENS THURSDAY

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE FORMALLY OPENED TO FACE VITAL PROBLEMS

Attended by colorful and impressive ceremonies and in the presence of an attendance of spectators to the limit and with all members in their seats, the second session of the seventh legislature of Alberta was formally opened at 3 p.m. on Thursday by His Honor Lieut.-Gov. W. L. Walsh.

While the official ceremonies were shorn of some of their color and brilliancy by the elimination of the travelling escort and the doing away with the official reception and tea it was, nevertheless, a memorable occasion and one that will not be forgotten by those who attended when His Honor officially set in motion what might be one of the most important and far-reaching sessions in the history of the province.

Seldom has Alberta been faced with the tremendous and deep-rooted problems with which it is faced today and members will be called upon to face heavy responsibilities.

NOTICE

In the Estate of EDWARD THOMAS McDOWELL, late of the Village of Irma, in the Province of Alberta, Machine Agent, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Edward Thomas McDowell who died on the 29th day of August, A.D. 1930, are required to file with Clifton G. Purvis, Barrister, Viking, Alberta, Solicitor for the Executor, Mrs. Florence E. McDowell, by the 19th day of March, A.D. 1932, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to her knowledge.

Dated this 3rd day of February, A.D. 1932.

Florence E. McDowell, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Edward Thomas McDowell, Deceased, by her Solicitor, Clifton G. Purvis, Viking, Alberta.

ALMA MATER MERRY MAKERS

On February 1st we held our regular meeting and although it was cold, most of the members attended.

It was arranged to have a Whist Drive and Dance on February 12th. All proceeds will go for equipment for the school playground. So please keep this date open. Admission 9c. Good music and good eats.

Irma was one of the coldest places on the map last Monday. February 1st when the temperature dropped to 45 degrees below zero. Tuesday the atmosphere was considerably warmer but before night the wind was again blowing cold and strong from the north. The roads will not be open for cars in this district before Spring.

re-open again tomorrow.

A very unusual incident occurred on T. Overbo's farm some few days ago, when a horse belonging to K. Overbo apparently went out of his mind and suddenly started jumping and walking through the fences around the farm yard. He attracted the attention of Thomas Overbo, who at once took the animal in charge and put him in the barn. The horse which is a young animal appears to be feeling alright, but refuses to eat. The first few days after being caught he would take a little water, but now he has completely stopped taking any nourishment for two weeks now.

As far as is known, this is the first case of its kind in this locality and is baffling the best live stock authorities in the district.

The business people of Kinsella, in spite of the depressed times, are gradually enlarging their stocks and adding new lines. Mr. E. C. Williams, pioneer lumber and farm implement merchant is constantly adding to his new line of household necessities, dry goods, etc. Also a larger stock of groceries, etc., is noticed in the Kinsella hotel.

Main Street

Miss Mary Thurston is a delegate to the W. A. Convention in Edmonton this week.

The Annual Financial Statement of the Battle River M. D. No. 423 appears in this issue.

Remember the Merry-makers' Whist Drive and Dance in the Alma Mater School. Come and have a good time. Admission 30c.

Mr. M. D. Askin is attending the Trustees' Convention in Calgary this week as a delegate from the Irma High School district.

In next week's issue the annual financial statement of Buffalo, Collette M. D. will appear, also the financial statement of the Mannville Hospital District.

Dr. C. Greenberg journeyed to Edmonton last Thursday and met Mrs. Greenberg on her way home from Peace River, both returning to Irma Sunday evening.

The regular meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Elford on Thursday, February 11th. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for Councillor to fill the vacancy in the Village Council took place last Monday evening. The following are the nominees: G. A. Tripp, W. N. Frickleton, and J. A. Hedley (re-nominated).

Mrs. S. V. Schoner is attending the Trustee's Convention in Calgary as a delegate from the Irma Public School district. Mrs. Schoner expects to bring her son John home from the hospital the end of the week.

Mrs. F. W. Higginson left for Edmonton last Saturday morning for a visit with friends and expects to take in the Anglican Women's Auxiliary Convention which is being held in Edmonton this week.

There is still an opportunity to start taking violin lessons from Mr. K. L. G. Allan. He gives lessons at the residence of E. W. Carter every Saturday afternoon, other days at his home on the Smallwood homestead. His prices are very reasonable.

Mr. John Clark, brother of Mrs. T. Orton returned to his home at Carters on Tuesday. Mr. Wm. Walker of the Roseberry district and Mr. W. A. Burton of the Alma Mater district are delegates to the Trustee's Convention at Calgary this week.

We have just received word from Peterboro, Ont. that Mr. H. Long, formerly of Irma has had an accident falling down some stairs. One of his legs was fractured. The accident happened some weeks ago and Mr. Long is still in the hospital at Peterboro. We join with his many Irma friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The Regina Rough Riders got a rough ride from a W.A.A.A. although they earned a whole lot of applause. The Montreal team found them just about the same as the Mustangs, whom they had trimmed also 22 to 0 a week before.

Harnessed the gee-gees to the Winged Wheel, so to speak!

"The Four Hundred" has long been synonymous for the people who do the right things. It is a fitting, therefore that it should also be the total of the passengers on the first cruise around the world by the new wonder-ship "Empress of Britain", which left New York on December 3.

With the Canadian dollar where it is in the market, there is a marked tendency to keep at home and many Canadians are spending, or planning to spend, the winter amid the beauties of British Columbia, instead of "going south". Fifteen per cent can mean a whole lot of dollars and the British Columbia coastline is one of nature's most beautiful spots, anyway.

There are 32,209 schools or colleges in Canada, taught by 33,144 teachers and attended by 2,490,625 pupils, or one quarter of the Dominion's population. The average expenditure is about \$66 on each pupil enrolled. Attendance is on the up grade, being 77 per cent for the whole Dominion, against 64.7 in 1915. And the future of technical education is assured, for the Technical Education Act provides for Federal grants of \$160,000 per year for 15 years, which means that the night schools will be able to run, to say nothing of the day courses in technical institutions.

United Church Weekly Message

(From The Viking News)

(Fifth of a Series of Articles by Rev. J. W. Bainbridge, M.A., B.D.)

"DISARMAMENT"

Lesson: Isaiah 2:2 to 4:1 to 4.

Text:—"Wisdom is better than Weapons of War." Eccl. 9:18.

On Tuesday of this week some hundreds of delegates will assemble in the beautiful city of Geneva, Switzerland. They will represent all the nations of the world at the Disarmament Conference. They have been called together by the League of Nations, U.S.A., Russia, and Turkey, who are not members of the League, will also have a vital part in this Conference. A Commission appointed by the League worked from 1925 to December, 1930, formulating a Draft Convention, which will form a sort of Agenda for this Conference, and it will include the following main points: (1) The Limitation of Men in the Military Service of their respective countries; (2) The Limitation of Military Budgets; (3) The Abolition of Chemical Warfare; (4) The Establishment of a Permanent Disarmament Commission. Now this does not mean that the findings are already in fact the Commission found great difficulty on the question of "What Constitutes Parity, or How will we arrive at Equality of National Armaments?" With no answer to this big question the Commission passed up the matter to this "World Disarmament Conference."

This Conference should have been held years ago, for several reasons. First, because when Germany was almost completely disarmed by the Treaty of Versailles, Mr. Clemenceau gave the following undertaking in June, 1919 on behalf of the victorious Allies:—"The Allies and Associated Powers wish to make it clear that their requirements in regard to German armaments were not made solely with the object of rendering it impossible to resume her policy of military aggression. They are also the first steps toward the reduction and limitation of armaments which they seek to bring about as one of the most fruitful preventives of war, and which it will be one of the first duties of the League of Nations to promote."

Prior to the above statement Lloyd George had sent the following official note to Clemenceau:—"It would be absurd to insist on a permanent limitation of Germany's armaments, unless we are prepared to make a similar limitation ourselves. The Covenant of the League of Nations, incorporated in the Treaty of Versailles, also recognized this obligation as follows:—"The Members of the League recognise that the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety, and the enforcement by common action of international obligations."

Yet we have waited twelve years before attempting to fulfill our promises. Moreover this Conference should have been called long ago so that the nations could have been working all these years towards disarmament instead of competing in increasing armaments and in developing more deadly devices for warfare.

In passing, it is interesting to note that several of the nations, including U.S.A., Great Britain, and Canada, have sent a lady as one member of their respective delegations. It is also of great interest that Mr. Arthur Henderson, Member of the Cabinet of the former Labor Government in England is the Chairman of the Conference.

Now, let us consider, What is Meant by Disarmament? According to the sentiments of the Versailles Treaty Disarmament means—Immediate reduction of armaments; future limitation; and the planning for eventually entrusting armaments chiefly to an international police force. Such a general plan today would affect not only the Land Army Forces, the Navies, and the Air Forces, but it would affect the Gas and Chemical Plants, the Germ Breeding Laboratories, and the Military instruction of the whole civil population of nations. Modern warfare is now a matter of entire populations, with all their industrial and technological resources made adaptable for purposes of destruction. Disarmament would mean the decision to proceed progressively on the basis of reciprocal trust and co-operation with the disposition to appeal to the Moral Judgment of the world for protection rather than to rely on armed force. Now we are quite aware of the fact that, with the years, these high ideas have faded considerably. Yet, it is well to remind ourselves of them. The Conference is likely to last for months, and if it achieves anything, it will be just a start in the right direction. Nations living close together like France, Belgium, Germany, Poland and Italy will be the most difficult to satisfy.

The big question is—Why should the World Disarm? Space will not allow detailed discussion of this big question. I must be content with making a number of bald statements in reply, and leave my readers to fill in the details themselves. (1) We should disarm because the continuation of the present system of competition in armaments will soon bring about another war which will annihilate our present civilization. (2) Because our world civilization is sick unto death with an economic breakdown caused chiefly by the past world war and the preparations for another war of worse possibilities. (3) Because modern war is always wrong; it is wrong in its methods, wrong in its results, and it is unchristian. (4) Because the first line of defense for every nation is not the Navy, nor the Army, but the well-being, the sentiment and happiness of loyal citizens. We need all the ability, energy and finances of the world directed to the healing of our wounds and diseases, the adjustment of our root sources, the planning of a new world economic and social system. We cannot afford this abominable waste now taking place in all forms of armaments.

Naturally the question arises—Who are against Disarmament? I have no hesitation in replying, the chief opponents of Disarmament are the financial investors of every country who are gaining large profits from the making of armaments. These are always the most powerful authorities in questions relative to war. During the past war manufacturers in enemy countries actually provided war materials for opposing countries, the German government with munitions, while German manufacturers supplied Magnesium to the Allied governments. Contracts were concluded with the Canadian Government for Ross Rifles, Oliver Leather Equipment, and Leather Goods. Without standing the fact that before the end of 1914 they were all condemned as a detriment to the efficiency of the Canadian troops. Today Great Britain is the great armament producer for the world. In 1931 she exported armaments to 37 different nations as well as to the Dominions. One significant consignment was that of forty tanks to Communist Russia. These are the folk from many countries who are going to do all possible to off-set the Disarmament Conference.

In closing I wish to ask my chief question, viz. "What can the Christian church do towards Disarmament?" The first Sunday of 1932 was held as a day of Prayer for the Churches of England. The Archbishop wrote prayers for that day; here are two of them: "We are also here selfish in our conduct of business, setting our own interests and those of our class before the interests of others, forgive us our trespasses. Because we have indulged in national arrogance, finding satisfaction in our power over others, rather than in our ability to serve them, forgive us our trespasses." I believe those prayers were right. In this message of prayer we need to begin as a Christian church with repentance. We need to repent our wrong attitude taken towards Armaments. We need to face the forty million premature deaths of 1914-18 in the light of our Lord's words "Thou shalt love thy Neighbor as Thyself." One of our leading ministers said to his congregation recently "those who say they do not know what should be our Christian attitude to War are liars very one of them." He was right. There is no place for War in the Christian Gospel. Peace, Love and Service are the most powerful triumphant forces of the Christian Church, and we must challenge the world with them. A fellow combatant of mine, when he came back from France like many others, would not let me see his father took him apart and rebuked him for his silence. "Just one thing I will tell you," he answered, "One night I was on patrol in No. Man's Land and suddenly I came face to face with a German boy of my own age. It was quite a close shave, or mine. We fought like wild beasts. When I came back that night I was covered from head to foot with the blood and brains of that German boy. We had nothing personally against him. That he did not want to kill me any more than I wanted to kill him. That is war. I suppose you say I did my duty, maybe I did, but for Heaven's sake do not ask me to talk about it." Can Christianity have anything to do with that line of business? Can it in any sense be related to those other forty million people who passed out in a similar way to that young German? War is Hell, and Armaments are the greatest socialized weapons of evil. The Christian Church must take a belligerent attitude against these as being among the enemies of the Kingdom of God. Universal Fatherhood of God, the Universal Brotherhood of Man, and the Universal Stewardship of the earth are pledged by God to win out universally, and therefore must at every opportunity be diametrically opposed to Armaments which make for War.

Wm. Steel, Secretary.

TENDERS FOR WOOD

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for 5 cords of wood cut in stove lengths to be delivered at Crescent Hill School. Tenders to be in hands of Secretary not later than February 15th.

Wm. Steel, Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A meeting is to be held in the Crescent Hill School, on Friday evening, February 12th, for the purpose of organizing a U. F. A. Local.

A full attendance of everyone is requested.

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Are We Over-Governed?

The current economic depression, and the resultant financial stringency, possibly the order of these two conditions should be reversed, have led to the advancement of many suggestions and ideas having as their object the effecting of economies in national, provincial and municipal spheres of government, and administration. Unquestionably people generally are in a frame of mind to give that serious consideration to these matters which they deserve but which would have been denied to them a few years ago.

Mounting national, provincial and municipal debts, resulting in the twin evils of curtailed public services and higher taxation, reacting adversely upon all individual and community business, is leading serious-minded men and women to realize that their must be a reduction in the costs of our governmental business, and that such reduction must be on a fairly large scale; that the mere logging off of a few minor services, a percentage reduction in salaries, will not suffice; that, on the contrary, savings aggregating many millions of dollars annually must be effected.

The issue is one extending far beyond the bounds of partisan politics; rather it rests within the domain of higher politics, that is, it is a vital, integral part of the true science of government: As such it can and must be discussed openly, boldly, fearlessly, and to that discussion, and ultimate consideration of facts and proposals, every thinking man and woman should be patriotically inspired to make their contribution. It is their own business, their own future, as well as the business and future of their Dominion which is at stake.

Herbert Spencer once wrote: "The man who, expending his energies wholly on private matters refuses to take part in public affairs, pluming himself on his vision in minding his own business, is blind to the fact that his own business is made possible only by the prosperity of all."

There are some people who still pride themselves on remaining aloof from all participation in public affairs. They even assume a superior attitude and treat with condescension those who take an active interest in community affairs, politics, and international relationships. But the trend of events in recent years has shattered the self-complacency of many of these individuals, and compelled them to recognize the truth of Herbert Spencer's dictum that the business, the success, the happiness, of the individual is made possible only to the extent that these things are enjoyed by all.

Even powerful nations which gloried in and boasted of their "splendid isolation," their indifference to the fate of other nations and peoples, and who regarded themselves as self-sufficient unto themselves, are being forced to alter their views and change their attitude. Geographically and in a physical sense the world may be just as big as it ever was, it may even be bigger in other respects, but it is very much smaller in so far as the relation of one nation to another is concerned. The factor of time in inter-communication has been almost annihilated by wireless, radio, the telephone, airships, fast steamships, steam and electric railways, and automobiles. A man living 100 miles away is nearer to us than one only 10 miles away half a century ago.

We are conforming to these radical changes in many of our personal, business, economic and social relationships, but in many respects we have ignored them in the development of our governmental functions, adhering rather to systems and policies laid down in by-gone years and in an altogether differently constituted world. Only in recent years have people been awakening to this fact, and the difficulties with which all peoples and governments have been confronted within the last two or three years are forcing upon them the conclusion that it is high time that something was done to bring governmental institutions into harmony with the new era in which we are living.

Without assuming to say what ought to be done, and without attempting even the task of offering suggestions, the writer proposes in succeeding articles to discuss some of the suggestions that have been advanced in certain quarters. He proposes to do so with only one object in view, and that is to encourage readers of this column to give consideration to these matters, to think them over, to study them, to discuss them with friends and neighbors; in a word, to assist in creating and developing a live public opinion in relation to the whole subject of our legislative and administrative machinery, that is, our entire governmental structure and the effect of it, as it exists, upon what are at present regarded as essential revenues and expenditures, involving not only present but the ever steadily increasing taxation of the individual.

Association of Canadian Clubs

Annual Meeting Will Be Held At Regina In August

The annual convention of the Association of Canadian Clubs will be held at Regina, Saskatchewan, this year, August 29, 30 and 31, it was decided at a meeting of the central executive held at Ottawa.

The resignation of Graham Spry, national secretary, was accepted, and Mrs. P. A. Wheeler, assistant secretary, will be in charge of the headquarters at Ottawa until a successor is appointed at the Regina convention. Tribute to Mr. Spry's work as secretary was paid by Prof. R. C. Wallace, of Edmonton, president of the association, and other members of the executive.

Scientists have found what they believe to be the tomb of the famous poet Ovid on the site of the old Grecian city of Tomis.

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My heart would beat so fast I could hardly breathe, and I had headaches, and dizzy and fainting spells.

I couldn't get my housework done I was so weak. I took three boxes of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and felt much better, and now I would not be without them in the house."

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Not Enough For One

Smallest Christmas Pudding Was Only Inch In Diameter

The smallest Christmas pudding in the world, made entirely of Empire produce and weighing less than 1/4 ounce, was exhibited side by side with a mammoth 16-ton plum pudding at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, S.W., London, England.

It was one inch in diameter and weighed 196 grains, and was specially made for the Christmas market in aid of the People's Dispensary for the Sick Animals of the Poor, by Miss Lily Dalton, who required the assistance of a mathematician and a chemist to work out and weigh the various ingredients. "It was made," she said, "from a recipe handed on to me by my grandmother. The 13 ingredients had to be chopped many times before they were sufficiently fine."

Close London Office

Office of Alberta Agent-General May Be Closed As Economy Measure

Office of the Alberta Agent-General in London, England, will be closed as an economy measure, it is understood.

The office was opened in 1913 and Hon. Herbert Greenfield, former Alberta Premier, was in charge for four years, retiring in March, 1931. Hugh M. Baker, Mr. Greenfield's secretary, has been in charge of the office since. It is estimated here that elimination of the office will save the Alberta Government approximately \$20,000 annually.

Acids In Stomach
Cause Indigestion

Create Sourness, Gas and Pain. How To Treat.

Medical authorities state that nearly nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble, indigestion, sourness, burning, flatulence, bloating, etc., are due to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. The delicate stomach lining is irritated, digestion is delayed, and the food is not properly assimilated, causing the disagreeable symptoms which every stomach sufferer knows so well.

Artificial digestants are not needed in such cases and may do real harm. They irritate the stomach, prevent the formation of excess acid and there is no sourness, gas or pain. Bismuth Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and is the most efficient food for stomach ailments.

It is used by thousands of people with their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

Expedition To Antarctic

H. G. Watkins, Youthful Leader Plans Venture Next Fall

It was announced in London, England, recently, that H. G. Watkins, youthful leader of last year's Greenland exploration party, would head an expedition into the Antarctic next fall.

The expedition, which will sail in the early autumn, will attempt to cross the Antarctic from Weddell Sea to Ross Sea and map the southwest coast of Weddell Sea.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain. It will take the ache out of a bruise by counteracting the inflammation. A trial will convince any who doubt its power.

A Chinese Artist

Has Picture Accepted For Exhibition At Ottawa Art Show

Yee Bon, 26-year-old Chinese of Toronto, is "very glad." One of his canvases has been accepted for exhibition at the National gallery art show in Ottawa. He is the first Chinese to have a picture accepted. He was born in Canton and came to Canada in 1919. Five years ago he entered the Winnipeg Art School and, later moving to Toronto, studied at the Ontario College of Art.

Miller's Worm Powders will eradicate the worm evil that bears so heavily on children and is believed to cause many fatalities. They are an acceptable medicine to children and can be fully relied upon to clear the food channels thoroughly of these destructive parasites and restore the inflamed and painful surfaces to healthfulness. They are an excellent remedy for these evils.

"What is an optimist?"

"A man who doesn't mind what happens so long as it doesn't happen to him."

Caracul sheep, native to Asia, now are raised in Germany, France and Switzerland, and Italy is experimenting with them.

The sodium-vapo lamp is the most efficient artificial light source.

W. N. U. 1927

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Depression In Retreat

Roger Babson Says Trade Trend Is Now Turning Upward

Roger W. Babson, economist and statistician, who predicted the stock market break of 1929, now says in a prepared statement:

"The depression is in retreat. The Babson chart, which was the basis for my forecast of the market break in 1929, is now with equal positiveness indicating that we have seen the trough of the depression of 1930-32, and that the present year will show an irregular movement toward higher levels."

"The chart is now turning upwards for the first time in more than two years, except for the temporary rally of last spring. For some years to come I do not expect to see the Babson chart below the depth reached last November. Of course, this does not mean any sharp rise back to normal conditions, but it does indicate the depression is in retreat. The long range outlook is that fundamentally better times are now definitely assured."

Attacked By Asthma. The first fearful sensation is of suffocation, which hour by hour becomes more desperate and hopeless. To such a relief afforded by Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy seems nothing less than miraculous. Its help is quickly apparent and soon the dreadful attack is mastered. The asthmatic who has found out the dependability of this sterling remedy will never be without it. It is sold everywhere.

Planning "Eat Fish" Campaign

Maritimes Have Scheme Which Will Be Aid To Fishermen

A. H. Brittain, president of the Canadian Fisheries Association, with Captain Frederick William Wallace and the two heads of the Fishermen's Federation of the Maritimes, President A. H. Hanlan, and Vice-President Burke, went to Ottawa recently for an interview with Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Fisheries Minister, to discuss a nation-wide "eat fish" campaign. "If we could consume 10 more pounds per capita a year," Mr. Brittain said, "we should then consume 100,000,000 pounds more fish a year, and raise our per capita consumption from 22 to 32 pounds of fish per annum."

"The fishermen are our best buyers of made-in-Canada goods," said Mr. Brittain. "They do not buy imported Paris perfumes. They buy heavy Canadian woollens, Canadian groceries, Canadian manufactured articles. We can help no better class of people than the fisher folk."

B.C. Salmon Pack

Reacting to business conditions the world over during the past year, British Columbia canned salmon industry shows the lowest pack in ten years, according to figures compiled by the canned salmon section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and released recently.

Recognized as a leading species for the destruction of worms, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has proved a boon to suffering children everywhere. It seldom fails.

Among the birds that have longer lifetime than man's three score years, and ten are the parrot, the raven, the goose, the swan, and the falcon.

Northern Rhodesia is preparing to move its capital from Livingstone to Lusaka.

Gandhi Lost Great Chance

Art Of Compromising Would Have Made Him Leader Of All India

Mahatma Gandhi might have been the leader of a powerful United Indian Nationalist Party if he had used different tactics at the Round Table Conference, declared Rt. Hon. Srinavasa Sastri, one of India's greatest statesmen in the Indian Review.

Mr. Sastri, who is a former member of the Viceroy's Legislative Council, and has represented India at many Imperial and international gatherings, declared: "If ever the art of compromise was needed in human affairs it was when British, Hindu, Moslem, Sikh, Christian and Untouchable met one another at St. James' Palace, but Gandhi remained unbending to the end."

"This is why, from his standpoint, the conference failed. This is why the communal problem went unsolved. To enunciate principles, to fight for ideals, to make propaganda—these are high duties requiring rare ability—but when agitation has come to a head it is no ignoble part to make the most of the occasion and get the people some return for their sufferings."

Invented Differential Gear

Alexander Gallinger Failed To Get Patent For Idea

Alexander Gallinger, 87, inventor of a differential gear, is dead at his farm home Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1877, Gallinger and John Morse, owner of a foundry there, built a tractor which employed the differential principle. They drove it from Green Bay to Madison to claim a \$5,000 award offered by the legislature for demonstrating the invention's practicability.

Gallinger failed to patent his invention and consequently never earned anything from it, outside the legislature's award. The differential later came to be an important part of the automobile.

Gallinger was born in Gallings-town, Ontario, in 1844, and went to Oshkosh at the age of 18.

An Original Idea

In the course of a speech to an education authority a lecturer stated that the best story of an examination he had heard was the following. At the end of an examination the master gathered up all the papers, among which he discovered one sheet which, instead of being covered with historical names and dates, bore merely a crude drawing of a tomb-stone on which was written, "Sacred to the memory which always deserts me on occasions like this."

"All-copper" houses are an innovation in the construction industry in Germany.

A remarkably durable floor covering is now made of leather, cut into squares and laid like tile.

A pelt taken in December is worth three taken in pre-season.

Athletic sports are becoming popular in practically every city of China.



I just postpone it!"

"No, I don't have 'nerves.' You can't have them, and hold this sort of position. My head used to throb around three o'clock, and certain days, of course, were worse than others."

"Then I learned to rely on Aspirin."

The sure cure for any headache is rest. But sometimes we must postpone it. That's when Aspirin saves the day. Two tablets, and the maddening pain is gone until you are home. And once you are comfortable the pain seldom returns!

Keep Aspirin handy. Don't put it away, or put off taking it. Fighting a headache to finish the day may be heroic, but it is also a little foolish. So is sacrificing a night's sleep because you've an annoying cold, or a irritated throat, or grumbling tooth, neuralgia, neuritis. These tablets always relieve. They don't depress the heart, and may be taken freely. That is medical opinion. It is a fact established by the last twenty years of medical practice.

The only caution to be observed is when you are buying Aspirin. Don't take a substitute because it will not act the same. Aspirin is made in Canada.



Possible Changes In Our Present Economic System Stressed By Robert Gardiner

Possible change in the present economic system of government was stressed by Robert Gardiner in his presidential address to the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. Mr. Gardiner, U.F.A. member in the House of Commons for Acadia, succeeded Henry Wise Wood as president of the farmer body when Mr. Wood retired last year after 10 years as head of the organization.

In his first presidential address Mr. Gardiner declared that if the present economic system "has not reached its full maturity, the present depression will pass, but if it has, fundamental changes in the social system are impending." Social change he believed inevitable.

"I do not believe that the changes when they come, will inevitably be in the interests of the masses of mankind," he told the 500 delegates from the various parts of Alberta. "The elements which dominate the existing system will undoubtedly endeavor to guide the processes by which the succeeding system may be established. Those elements are to be found outside our parliamentary institutions; for in the light of recent history it is becoming increasingly apparent that political governments occupy but a secondary place in the scheme of things."

The president declared that governments apparently chose "to abdicate before the threat of irresponsible elements rather than to rally the people behind them, as they might, by a bold effort to free industry from its trammels." He said the "real struggle" was carried on by "realists" who dealt "in hard facts—money, credit, the whole machinery of commerce and industry, and the manner of its control."

"Some of the most influential of these people are obsessed by the will to power, by the ambition to achieve complete control of the social system. If they do succeed in maintaining control of the processes in the not distant future the ushering in, in its most perfect form, of the servile state, the establishment, beneath it, may be, the guises of benevolence, of a tyranny such as the world has not yet known."

Mr. Gardiner, however, believed that "if mass intelligence" was developed and organized in such a manner that it controlled and guided the processes of change, "we can confidently look forward to an age of plenty, to an era in world history, brighter, perhaps, than any which the human mind has yet conceived."

He pleaded for intelligent understanding and organization which he declared necessary, "if we choose to take the path to a better social order." Development in the strength of the local, "the basis of our organization," was stressed by the president as essential to success of a co-operative commonwealth.

Unemployment and the gold standard were referred to by the farm leader. He believed that if the inventive genius of the present generation was permitted full play it would result in a higher standard of living and provide the people with an abundance of leisure for self-development, but it was increasingly manifest that this could not come under the present economic order. Depreciation of the Canadian dollar, he continued, made it doubtful whether a single commodity such as gold could be successfully used under all conditions as a basis for the issue of currency and credit.

In reference to reparations, the president pointed out the tendency to blame this result of the war for the breakdown, but he maintained that if this problem had been non-existent the defects in the present competitive economic system would sooner or later have produced a similar financial crisis which prevails at present. The chief threat to the peace of the world

lies in intensified commercial competition between nations and only when it is recognized that underlying economic causes make war inevitable will peace appear.

For governments to balance budgets under prevailing conditions it was necessary to decrease expenditures or increase taxation. "To increase, however, the taxes of those whose income is below or only at present on a bare subsistence level would be to increase present hardship," he added. "If, however, increased taxation were confined to those who have the ability to pay, those whose incomes are more than is necessary to meet reasonable requirements, no apparent harm would be done."

The president urged that there be no further alienation of the natural resources of Alberta to private interests, but that they be developed, under public ownership, for the benefit of the present and future generations. He referred to the serious situation of the transportation systems in the Dominion, but added that comment on this matter would be unwise until the report of the royal commission at present investigating the matter was made available.

The farmer's predicament was serious. Even where crops were excellent the returns barely covered the cost of production, leaving little or nothing to meet other liabilities. "The price of the goods, and services which the farmer must purchase have been only slightly reduced in comparison with the prices received by the farmer for the products of his labor," Mr. Gardiner declared. Rates on banks and mortgage loans and other farm indebtedness remain as high as formerly.

"Even if commodity prices other than farm products were reduced to a parity with the present prices of agricultural commodities, it would still be impossible for the farmers to meet in full liabilities contracted during a period of high prices," he concluded. "The soundness of the co-operative principle, however, was never more widely recognized than today." He urged the farmers to continue strengthening of the co-operative institutions.

Apples and Oranges

Amusing Story Regarding Competition Between Fruit Growers

Competition between rival fruit-growers of California and Oregon leads to curious attempts at all kinds of publicity. In their eagerness to miss no opportunity for attracting attention to themselves and suppressing their competitors, the orange-growers did not overlook the approach of "The Apple Cart" to the California theatres.

The director of the play received a call from a delegation of orange-growers, who requested him to change the name to "The Orange Cart" which it was in their State. He was first bewildered, then amused, and finally insisted that he could not change the name, and didn't see that it advertised the Oregon apple anyhow.

The orange-growers refused to accept no for an answer. They found out the author's name and address and cabled him at some length their request. Not until they received Mr. Shaw's one-word cable—easily guessed—in reply did they give up their efforts.

An Interesting Study

Thousands Of Bees Found To Be Working In Full Force Colony

One of the most interesting of the studies in apiculture carried out under the direction of C. B. Gooderham, Dominion Apiarist, relates to the number of "fielders" or bees in a colony in the field at work gathering honey and nectar during the period of a heavy flow. On the basis of 5,000 bees to a pound it has been determined by recording the weights of colonies resting on weighing trucks, that as many as twenty to twenty-five thousand bees from one colony are working in the field at the time. In one case the total hive force was computed at 55,025 bees with 20,625 in the field, leaving a hive force of 35,000. In another case where the total colony numbered 56,250 it was found that 27,187 were flying abroad with a reserve hive force of 29,063.

Gangrene from exposure to cold occurs more often in the temperate zone than in the Arctic regions.

A doctor says there are three ways of taking the early morning bath, hot, cold, and for granted.



By Annette



A NEW FRENCH BLOUSE TYPE THAT BUTTONS DOWN THE BACK

This little tuck-in model will add much interest to your wardrobe. It is exceedingly gay in Persian green woolen with matching green bone button trim. Let's the tab-trimmed neckline smart? A similar idea is repeated on the flared back cuffs.

It's just as snappy a blouse as you'd wish for and so inexpensive. Style No. 825 is designed in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 36 and 38 inches bust. Size 16 requires 1½ yards 38-inch.

Crepe de chine is equally suited to this model. A vivid red, navy blue or Spanish tile shade is excellent choice with self-fabric ball shaped buttons.

Then again, perhaps you prefer one of the soft crepe satins in eggshell, Lyonnaise-pink or French guineae.

Price of pattern 25 cents in stamps or coin (cash is preferred). Wrap coin carefully.

How To Order Patterns

Address: Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg

Pattern No. Size

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State

Country

Enclose 25 cents in stamps or coin (cash is preferred). Wrap coin carefully.

Plenty Of Samples

In a railway carriage were several travellers and a staid, pompous old gentleman. Various and unsuccessful efforts were made to draw him into conversation. At length one said, "Come, sir, I know you are one of us! Tell us what you are travelling in." "Young man," answered the pompous man, glancing at his interlocutor, "I am travelling in very objectionable and inquisitive company, and the carriage is full of samples!"

In a one-day street collection in Glasgow, Scotland, \$31,830 was raised for ex-soldiers.

HER EXCELLENCY, THE COUNTESS OF BESSBOROUGH



Who accompanied the Governor-General of Canada at the Opening of the Second Session of Parliament on February 4th, and to the Drawing Room on the following day. This is a reproduction from one of Her Excellency's latest portraits.

Opinion Of Average Citizen

Radio Advertising Is Most Objectionable Writes One Of Them

Radio, unlike any other invention, brings the voices of the world uninvited right into our fireside. I say uninvited because no one ever tuned in—an advertising talk—tuned in on the music, which soon degenerated into a driving so-called advertising effusion.

I am Mr. Average Citizen, liking average things, speaking and pronouncing the King's English and struggling hard against the radio to raise my two children to be and do likewise. But whom does radio project uninvited into my fireside group and sit down at my dining room table? You know—impossible negroes, mispronouncing crossroad gossip, gross barkers for household equipment, moaning so-called tenors ably assisted for shoes, etc., who talk feet, feet, feet, as I try to eat.

No such people as these ever darken my threshold in the flesh, yet radio, and in the name of advertising, if you please, enables them to crash in uninvited into my privacy. Into my home—"my castle." Radio advertising is making us mad and telling us of the impolite gate-crashing products not to buy.

Give us national broadcasting free of advertising as the ideal, but if not, confine the advertising to the mention of the sponsor's name only, and that mention in the King's English—Letter in Toronto Mail and Empire.

Butterfat Record

Creameries In Alberta Show Increase For December

Creameries in Alberta received 640,945 pounds of butterfat in cream during the four weeks ending December 26, 1931, an increase of 105,633 pounds, or 14.4 per cent. over the receipts for December, 1930, according to an announcement from the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

Receipts of butterfat for the 52 weeks of 1931 amounted to 19,150,372 lbs., compared with 15,187,266 lbs. for the year 1930, an increase of 3,963,106 lbs., or 26.1 per cent. It is interesting to note that the increase for the year 1931 over 1930 in the northern section of the province was 29.9 per cent.; in the central portion 33.2 per cent.; and in the southern portion 12.0 per cent. The butterfat receipts for 1931 constitute a record for the province.

Has Enjoyed Record Weather

Aklavik Had Second Highest Temperature Last Week In November

The residents of Aklavik on the Arctic Coast may well "pat themselves on the back" as for once in many a long year they had the distinction recently of recording the second highest or warmest temperature in the Dominion of Canada.

After having been known as Aklavik in the frozen Arctic wastes for so long, it was with no small degree of pride that the inhabitants could point to a temperature of 42 degrees above zero the last week in November. Only one other point in Canada recorded a warmer temperature at that time, while from the Rockies to the Atlantic, freezing temperatures prevailed.

Despite Mournful Predictions, Social Economist Says That England Still Leads The World

Costly To Canadians

Many Short Paid Letters Mailed By U.S. Firms

Numerous complaints are heard from citizens who have to pay two cents or more "postage due" on the majority of the letters received by them from the United States, due to wholesale ignorance on the part of the people of the United States about postal rates to Canada. The postage to Canada, on a letter mailed in the United States is three cents. This has been published repeatedly, yet the average American continues placing two-cent stamps on the letters he sends to Canada, with the result that the recipients have to pay two cents additional for each letter. This additional postage does not go to the Dominion postal department, but to the United States postoffice department. Each letter that is sent from the United States, carrying insufficient postage, is checked by the United States postal authorities and Canada has to compensate the United States in the amount of postage due.

The question has been raised as to why letters that carry the names and addresses of the senders are not returned for additional postage rather than being sent on to the persons to whom the letters are addressed. Many of the letters that are coming "postage due" are simply circular mail carrying advertising matter that has been unsolicited and is not desired by the persons to whom it is addressed, yet they must pay two cents for each letter delivered.

Spends Millions On Fleet

Last Ten Years Shows Great Increase By United States

In 1913 the United States had a fleet of 963,000 tons, Great Britain a fleet of 2,222,000 tons. Today the United States has a fleet of 1,173,000 tons and spends \$382,000,000 a year on it, whereas Great Britain has a fleet of 1,378,000 tons, costing \$271,000,000 a year. In other words, the United States is spending 187 per cent. more yearly on naval cost, nearly three times as much as she did in 1913, whereas Britain is spending but 10 per cent. more. Combining army and navy and air defence cost the United States last year cost \$412,000,000, the British Empire but \$560,000,000. "While other nations have felt that they were forced to prepare for war," declared President Coolidge in a Memorial Day address, "we have always been preparing for peace."—Ottawa Journal.

Encourage Native Industry

Nova Scotians Put On Provincial Campaign To Help Fishermen

Nova Scotians are going to eat more fish to aid one of their most important industries. And they are going to like it, because a campaign is being conducted in the province to put before public hundreds of recipes for preparing the sea food in different and attractive forms.

Necessity for such a campaign is seen in the report of the eastern fisheries division for December, 1931, which shows that the total quantity of all fish landed in Nova Scotia was 8,124,500 pounds, compared with 12,161,600 pounds landed in the same period in 1930.

Warns Against Biting Lips

Practice Often Starts Cancer Claims Minneapolis Doctor

Warning against biting the lips, which, especially in men, might cause cancer was given by Dr. Carl W. Waldron of Minneapolis in addressing the Chicago Dental Society.

Five thousand deaths annually occurred in this country from cancer of the mouth, jaws and lips, he estimated, adding that a large number could be prevented by keeping the mouth healthy.

Cancer of the lip might occur in young persons, he said, and it was 19 times more common in the lower lip than the upper and in men 14 times more often than women.

Dog Liked Old Home

Given to a trapper in Smooth Stone Lake area, 100 miles north of Big River, last fall, Gerta, a police dog, disappeared a short time ago and turned up at the home for her former owners in a badly emaciated condition after having travelled 200 miles in biting cold weather.

There is nothing more desirable than a cook who can cook.

A world-wide economic conference within the next 12 months, at which representatives from all countries in the world would gather to thresh out the whole question of tariffs, was the prediction made by Dr. J. Wesley Braddy, social economist and child welfare authority, of Toronto. Dr. Braddy was addressing a joint luncheon meeting of the Rotary and Canadian clubs in Moose Jaw.

Referring to England's recent swing to high tariff after 85 years of free trade, Dr. Braddy stated that Britain had receded from her position as the outstanding exponent of free trade for "purposes of practical expediency." United States and France by their tariff stand had made the super-escalated trade barriers. England almost impossible, and now England was "giving them a dose of their own medicine."

"International commerce can't be conducted on a one-way street" was his comment.

Dr. Braddy believed a world economic conference such as he had in mind would mark the beginning of a swing to greater free trade among the nations and the tearing down of the super-escalated trade barriers. United States and France were now beginning to realize that nations, even as individuals could not live unto themselves, he said.

"Where now stands England?" was the topic upon which Dr. Braddy marked his address, and during his remarks he told of personal observations made during his 10 years' work in England. Britain's day of glory was far from being past, he said, in spite of the mournful predictions which were being made for her from many sources.

England, following the war, was an exhausted nation, said the speaker, but in spite of her tremendous sacrifice of men and money she was still leading the way in the councils of the world. If England was so lacking in spirit and initiative, as it was claimed by her "professional mourners," it was to be wondered at that at the present time she held all the world speed records on land, sea and air.

"And these records were all won in British machines conceived and made by British minds," he remarked.

England's ships were still carrying the largest imports and exports of any country in the world and in spite of the concentrated attacks from New York, she was still the centre of world finance. British trademarks still stood for honesty and integrity, and Britain's world today was "still as good as her bond," said the speaker vehemently.

Referring to criticisms levelled at Britain's monarchical system of government by leading economists of the United States, Dr. Braddy pointed out that the States had derived the idea of their own constitution from the England they were criticizing. England might have a monarchical system of government, but she was a true republican in the sense that she gave equal opportunity to all to rise to the highest positions, and the greatest statesmen in her history had come from the humblest ranks.

The speaker was of the opinion that if one wished to criticize, it would appear that in the United States the great majority of those who rose to high political power had to have either a strong political pull or be millionaires first.

In closing, reference was made to the question of reparations, and it was pointed out that as far back as 1922 England had been prepared, for the world's good, to wipe the slate clean of all war debts. It was only now, however, that economists of the United States and France were beginning to wake up to the fact that post-war indebtedness had been the primary and devastating cause of the present economic chaos throughout the world.



"I have been engaged to him for two years. Isn't it time I married him?"

"I don't know. If you really love him, let him be happy as long as possible."—Hummel, Hamburg.

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VIKING

The annual ratepayers meeting held on Friday evening in the town hall was well attended. At seven o'clock W. McAtthey, secretary-treasurer, declared the meeting open and called for the nomination of a chairman. H. G. Thunell, chairman of the Council, was elected to preside. After making a concise report of the work of the Council for the past year, the financial statement was read to the meeting, item by item and discussed. The statement on the whole showed that the finances of the Village are in a very good condition in spite of the trying times of the past two years. After paying all accounts that had been presented and passed by the Council, paying two debentures amounting to \$1274.00, and repaying a bank loan of \$3,100, there still was a credit balance of \$27,100.00 at the end of 1931.

The amount of \$1886.18 was expended on grading streets, roadwork and maintenance during the year. This item came in for some criticism. Of this amount \$1053.50 was for labor and \$832.68 for culverts, repairs and maintenance. About \$150.00 of this amount had been carried over for work done the previous year, and \$50.00 paid for the dirt taken out of the basement of the new Lutheran church and used to fix up the grade in the vicinity of the church and the cemetery. Considerable of the amount spent on grading of the streets was worked out in taxes, which represented the past year made it imperative to pay more attention to the roads and make them passable for traffic. The roads in town were graded and kept in good order.

The cost of the town lighting also came up for discussion. In 1930, the Village Council with the approval of the ratepayers, entered into an agreement with the Calgary Power Co. for supplying lights for the town, and also giving a franchise for a term of ten years to supply electric energy within the Village limits. Records show that there is very little difference in the cost of maintaining the

former gas light system and the Calgary Power. The power company attend to all maintenance charges and upkeep of the street lighting. The Power Company have given excellent service to date in all branches and the town has a modern utility that in citizens are making use of. It has also added to the efficiency of the hospital.

The debenture indebtedness has been reduced to \$4450. Four thousand dollars of this is owing on the cement sidewalks and \$450.00 on the town hall and equipment. The town hall debenture will be retired this year leaving only the sidewalk debenture to redeem.

The chairman of the meeting was of the opinion that with the credit balance now on hand, and with the streets in fair shape, necessitating no large expenditure on public works, and with careful consideration of all expenditures, the 1932 Council should be able to reduce the tax rate at least 10 or 15 mills.

The present Council also has the proceedings of the Tax Recovery Act well in hand and held the first tax sale in May of last year. Eventually, if the provisions of the Act are carried out each year, if necessary, the arrears of taxes will be wiped out, an item which a great many Councils are groaning with at the present time.

The secretary announced that the term of H. G. Thunell as member of the Council had expired and nominations were in order to fill the vacancy. Nominations were elected for a term of three years, one councillor being elected each year.

Nomination papers with the names of H. W. K. Hilliker and H. G. Thunell were duly received. This necessitated an election which will be held on Monday, February 8th, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The 1931 Council consisted of H. M. Hilliker, Chairman of Health; N. C. Graham, Chairman of Public Works; H. G. Thunell, mayor and Chairman of Finance.

A most successful Telephone Bridge was held on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Viking Women's Institute, when 32 tables were in play. Those in charge of the arrangements

were Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Streit, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Leber, Mrs. Sully, Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Hummel, Mrs. Goodwin, and Mrs. Rollans.

The grand prizes were won by Miss Mary Hoskins and Clifford Johnston, and the consolation prizes by Miss A. Adams, Mrs. C. Adams. Other prize winners were Mrs. Fitzmaurice, J. J. Brown, G. W. Green, J. A. Horton, F. Hornbush, Wm. Gares, Miss Bernice Long, F. W. Miller, Miss Mary Hilliker, Harry Lawes, Mrs. Skinner and R. McAtthey.

The sidewalk fund to build a sidewalk to the hospital, sponsored by the W. I. received a neat sum from the evening's entertainment.

In an exceptionally clean, fast hockey game played on Holden ice last Friday, Viking succumbed to Holden by a 5 to 1 score, thus bringing their winning streak to an end.

Barney Huron can be credited with sending the homesters into a victory, as this gentleman gave a fine performance through accounting for no fewer than four holden goals, all which were scored from point blank range after outwitting the Viking checks. The fifth Holden goal was scored on a fast combination play when McPherson scored on a pass just inside the Viking defence.

The Viking's goal was scored in the first period, Darrah accepting a fine pass in the goal mouth from Fitzmaurice, and tucking it behind Mohs. The Viking had fully as much of the plays as Holden, but strenuous checking around the goal mouth spoiled many excellent plays, and the Vikings could not make the necessary goals.

The first period ended 1-1; in the second Holden tucked in three more without a reply, and in the last they added a final counter to finish the scoring. Just at the end of the second period Dean, in the Viking goal, was knocked out, when he stopped Barney Huron's fast rush, and was carried out. After the rest period he was back to finish the game.

The match was evidently handled by George Shieman, who had the game in hand at all times. There were only seven penalties given.

Lumir Dobry was awarded the efficiency prize in the Junior Alfalfa Club contest for the best standing crop in this district. The prize is a free trip to the provincial seal fair being held at Calgary, February 9th and 10th. Lumir will be the guest of the Calgary Board of Trade which is entertaining the winners throughout the province.

Last spring one acre of alfalfa was seeded by eleven members of the local club, of which Mr. B. C. Gilpin was the group leader. In the fall an inspection of the various alfalfa plots was made and Lumir was awarded the prize for having the best standing crop. We congratulate the winner as well as all the members of the group for their efforts.

The Grattan Coulee Live Stock shipper, Mr. Gares, shipped a mixed car of hogs and cattle from Irma, and one car of hogs from this point on Tuesday. The next shipment will be on February 16th. Those having anything to ship, should phone 712, Viking, at least four days before date of next shipment.

Co-operative live stock shippers will be interested to know that the association is endeavoring to purchase a packing plant. Mr. Gares, local shipper, is having a letter printed and mailed to all co-operative live stock shippers in the district, in regard to the subject.

R. F. Kealey left on a business trip to Edmonton today.

Geo. Hoskins was a business visitor in Edmonton last week.

Dr. Greenberg, of Irma, assisted at the local hospital this week.

Mrs. N. C. Graham is a visitor in Edmonton during her week at the home of Mrs. Brydges.

Mr. Shields, of Edmonton, is in charge of the local bank as manager during the absence of Mr. Richardson.

The local bonspiel will open on Tuesday, February 9th. Harry Cartwright and Fred Ross are the boys with the list of those who want to curl. See these gents and get into the game.

THIS IS THE PROPER WAY TO SHEAR A SHEEP

Read Clockwise

The pictures, with printed instructions illustrate and describe briefly a system of shearing sheep that has been developed by the thousands of professional shearers of America and Australia.

While slight modifications in the directing of the strokes taken with the shear are made by different shearers, the beginner should follow the instructions as closely as possible.

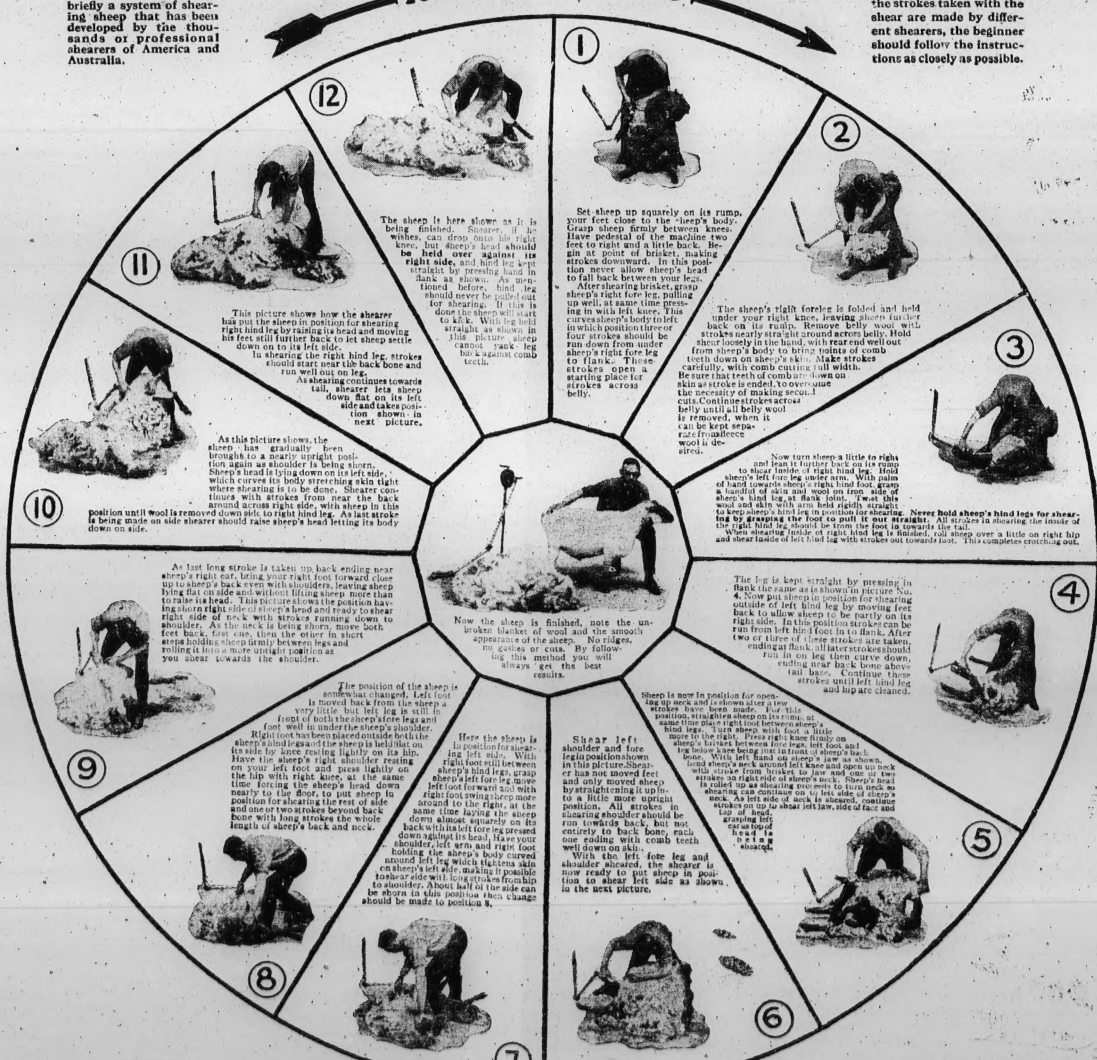


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NEWS FROM BRUCE AND DISTRICT

Deep sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Modin in their recent bereavement, the loss of their fourteen months' old daughter, Helen Mary. After a brief illness from pneumonia, in which all attempts to halt the disease were of no avail, the little one passed away on Wednesday, January 27th. Only those who have children of their own will fully understand how great is the loss of the little girl to the parents.

The funeral service was conducted in the Free Methodist church, by the pastor, Rev. Carmichael, assisted by Rev. Stambaugh, on Sunday afternoon, at two P.M. The church being crowded with friends and neighbors of the bereaved family. At the conclusion of an appropriate address by the pastor, a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stambaugh, Marion Stambaugh and Ernest Grinde very touchingly rendered "Good Night".

The tiny casket was covered with flowers, including a spray from the Women's Institute and wreaths and other floral offerings from Mr. and Mrs. O. Modin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Otto and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. Toole, Grand-dad and Grand-ma Otto, Uncle and Auntie from Arrossan, Daddy, Mother and brother, Harry Modin and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gordon. Interment was made in the Bruce Cemetery.

Mr. Henry Owens, as councillor for Division 5, is following up the matter of a road north from the site of the United Church to the next road allowance. This proposed road was discussed at the last Board of Trade meeting and it has been pointed out that a thoroughfare to this point would be a boon to residents north of town. Of course, it is towns to people own the land in this area, and owing to the present financial situation, the road can only become an actuality if the necessary land is donated for the purpose. Mr. Owens is prepared to put in his power to have the road opened up and, always optimistic, is looking forward to seeing this section of road completed in the spring.

At the Free Methodist Church last Sunday evening, a special service was in charge of the Women's Missionary Society, with Rev. Carmichael in the capacity of chairman. A program of singing, readings, solos and recitations was enjoyed by a good attendance.

For this week, the Free Methodist regular quarterly meeting is announced, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, District Elder H. B. Lock will be present. Thursday evening, February 4th, has been selected for the Congregational Meeting of the Bruce United Church.

Mrs. Granke was taken to Viking Hospital last Sunday suffering from gastric appendicitis, and was operated upon on Monday.

We are glad to report that Steve Butler, who has been ill for some time, is now able to get around again although still confined to the house.

J. W. Stambaugh left for Edmonton by road, on Tuesday, where he attends the Alberta School Trustees' Convention.

Mr. A. B. Crouse of Viking was a visitor in this neighborhood last week and states that he will be travelling in the Bruce district for the next couple of weeks.

Mr. John McInnis is back in Bruce after an extended visit with relatives in Ontario.

Braving the thirty-odd below weather last Thursday eleven ladies displayed sufficient interest in church work to be present at the regular meeting of the United Church Ladies Aid. The meeting was held in the church, where music, with Mrs. J. P. Hughes at the organ, created a cheerful atmosphere.

The president, Mrs. Chas. Stewart, occupied the chair, and a brief paper on the aims and purposes of the Ladies Aid, by Mrs. Leonard Willams provided discussion. Two ladies were received into membership. Included in plans for the future, is a tea and sale, to be held in the Bruce hall, on February 6th, in charge of Mrs. Willams. For this sale, members are asked to bring out articles of fancy work to be included in the sale. Expressing the idea that new members were more desirable than funds, the ladies voted unanimously to drop the initial membership fee of twenty-five cents.

The meeting closed with all standing to repeat the Mizpah benediction: "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." Gen. 31:49

Friday afternoon, at West Bruce school, Mrs. Arthur Willams, with lantern slides, told the story of "The Ancient Mariner". This is part of the required reading for the higher grades. In the evening, J. M. Barrie's novel, "Peter Pan", was a fine set of slides, was given by Mr. A. Willams, for the benefit of the community. In spite of severe weather, a good number turned out.

At the auction sale conducted last week by J. J. Stanton of Vegreville for the sale of the contents of the chattels of the late Geo. Price, a large crowd was in evidence. A number of people came from a distance. Mr. Holden and from near Vegreville. A few items of machinery sold at fair prices; but the livestock did not meet with much response. Horses went from a dollar up.

It is reported that a local farmer who bought one of the dollar horses, took a visit in high finance, and offered to part with his new steed for a dollar and a quarter. Alas! Money is tight, and no sale was made. The owner of the horse has not decided whether he will keep the animal for a pet, with the hopes of two dollars in the spring, or start a fox race. Some time ago, an American magazine published a lengthy article about fifty millionaires, and how they got that way. It did not take long, to discover that out of the whole list, not one was a farmer. Recent years have served to support the pessimistic conviction that farmers were unlikely to swell the ranks of the fifty. But now, that idea is all shot to pieces. One Bruce resident, who made his start pushing a plow through the dirt, appears to be on his way to his first million.

This man dropped a bomb in the Bruce Bachelor's Club and caused no little envy and much stroking of whiskers, when he announced that he was going to sell out stock and equipment — chickens and all, and move east. The interesting item, was the information that in a little Ontario town resides a young lady, who amongst other charms, possesses a hundred acre farm and \$500,000 and she intimates her willingness to take on a life partnership when her hero makes his appearance.

The consensus of opinion of the rest of the bachelors, and by the way, they are a pretty level headed lot, is that our friend is sitting in a tight little game for high stakes and fate has dealt him a couple of deuces! At any rate, the trip east will probably be postponed until the under side of these box-cars warm up.

The Flying Scotsman Takes a Nose Dive

What a price to pay for an evening's fun! A young lady with winning ways, provided skates and the idea, and thus enticed, a prominent citizen paid an evening visit to the Bruce rink.

It was a scene reminiscent of Dickens: Mr. Winkle and his friend Samuel (see 5th grade reader). Our Bruce Mr. Winkle was wont to do a little game for high stakes and fate has dealt him a couple of deuces! At any rate, the trip east will probably be postponed until the under side of these box-cars warm up.

The race was well begun; then it happened! Nobody seems very sure just what did happen; but it is suspected that one skate stopped and the other did not, with disastrous results. The ice found a soft spot (we hate to say it) on his head, and put him completely out of action.

Next morning found the accident victim, done up in cold plaster and wearing a beautiful black eye, ringed with violet and rainbow effects. A happy ending would greatly please us; but we have the gentleman's own word for it, that he is having "One dickens of a time explaining it to the missus." It is said that our friend is now ready to give lessons in fancy skating — by mail!

Here and There

Hockey sticks to the number of 574,414, valued at \$177,689, or an average of 30 cents apiece, were made in Canada in 1929. Tennis rackets in the same year numbered 8,245 with a value of \$234,502.

The population of Canada, according to last year's census, is 10,353,778, an increase in 10 years of 1,565,828, or 17.82 per cent. The largest provincial population is in Ontario with 3,428,488. Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba rank third, fourth and fifth.

A new rose has been produced at the Canadian Government Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, hardy enough to withstand the climate at Ottawa without protection. It is a pale pink, blooming until the middle of June.

Brigadier-General H. F. MacDonald, of Vancouver, officially opened the Banff Winter Carnival Toboggan Slide, December 28. The General, Mrs. MacDonald, and their small daughter Mary, made the official opening mile-a-minute run down the slide.

The biggest moose of the 1931 season in New Brunswick, with an antler spread of 56 inches, fell to the gun of Andrew Porter, Philadelphia sportsman. There had been three moose shot this year in New Brunswick, prior to this trophy, with spreads of 54 inches.

The Eastern International Dog Sled Derby will be held at Quebec February 22, 23 and 24, it is announced officially. Closing this, among the most colorful winter sport events of the season throughout Canada, the Dog Derby Costume Ball will take place at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Wednesday evening, February 24.

The Oxford and Cambridge teams of skiers from the Old Country picked Canada and the Laurentians this year as the scene of their exploits, in place of Switzerland during the Christmas-New Year vacation, as part of the all-British programme of spending winter in the Empire. They had enough snow at Christmas to justify their venture and the success of the trip was placed beyond doubt by the heavy snowfall of January 2.

Creation of a Department of Communications, Canadian Pacific Railway, having supervision over the railway's telegraph, telephone and radio broadcasting services and taking the place of the former Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph, became effective January 1. W. D. Neil was appointed general manager of the new department, vice John McMillan, retired general manager of the Telegraphs Department. His assistant general manager is E. H. H. Goodfellow, who succeeds J. Mitchell, retired.

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Here and There

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His Honor R. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant Governor of Columbia, his niece and chaperone, Miss Margaret Bruce MacKenzie, and Lady Rosalind Northcote, guest at Government House, spent their presence to the list of more than 350 guests at one of the major functions of the Vancouver social season when Triple Entente Chapter Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire held their ball aboard the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Japan, recently, on her second visit to her home port. The newest and largest liner on the Pacific coast was in gala attire for the event.

Sweeping changes in operating methods affecting handling of Canadian Pacific trains throughout the west can be expected in the next few months. W. M. Neil, general manager of the company's western lines, announced recently. Local motive will pull trains over several divisions instead of over a single division, permitting the railway to make use of its newer and more powerful engines capable of hauling a train more than 1200 miles instead of the 125 miles under the present divisional system.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

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British Columbia fruit growers intend to make sure B.C. fruit claims be considered in the arrangement for British preference.

The Province of Ontario's \$3,000,000 issue of three-year bonds, was oversubscribed on the initial day of offering.

Capt. J. P. Saul, who crossed the Atlantic with Kingsford-Smith in 1930, is planning a flight to New York and back next May.

The Prince of Wales announces the establishment of a scholarship for Argentine students at Oxford University.

H. G. Watkins, youthful leader of last year's Greenland exploration party, will head an Antarctic expedition in the fall.

James P. Manion, son of Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals, has been appointed assistant Canadian Trade Commissioner at Tokyo.

The London Sunday Express said negotiations would soon be concluded for the opening of direct telephone connection between Great Britain and Canada via London and Halifax.

Dr. Wellington Koo, former Chinese Foreign Minister, will be his country's representative on the Manchuria commission of the League of Nations' Council.

D. C. Harvey, Nova Scotia architect, has uncovered a divorce dated May 15, 1750, between William Williams a British officer and his wife, and believes it to be the first on this continent.

The Port of Churchill will be open for commerce this summer, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals, states. "We will be in a position to handle any commerce offered," the Minister added.

Lower Construction Costs

Approximately Eleven Million Dollars Saved In Canada Last Year

Approximately \$11,000,000 was saved in Canada last year in the cost of construction of dwellings and other buildings, in 61 cities, by the reduced cost of materials, the department of trade and commerce reports in a statistical review. This amount represents roughly one-fifth of the reduction in the total value of building permits issued during the year as compared with 1930.

A report shows that the aggregate value of building permits in 61 cities last year was \$110,971,410, a reduction of \$35,000,000 from 1930. The index of prices of building materials dropped 20 per cent. during the year. Compared, however, with figures for 1920, the peak post war inflation period, the cost of building materials has dropped by nearly 46 per cent. while the total value of permits issued was only down five per cent.

Detailed figures from 50 of the 61 cities show that permits were issued during the year for the construction of over 10,900 dwellings and 23,000 other buildings.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Prince Of Wales Sends Congratulations To Aged Comedian

The Prince of Wales was among many hundreds who sent congratulations recently to the genial old time comedian Charles Coburn and his wife, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in London, England.

Coburn, now nearly 80 years of age, reached the pinnacle of music hall fame with the song "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," although his earlier "Two Lovely Black Eyes" was almost as great a classic of its kind.

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Higher Taxation

Financial Institutions In Saskatchewan To Contribute Greater Share Of Revenue

Such Saskatchewan financial institutions as banks, trust, loan and mortgage companies, are going to contribute a greater share than they do now to the revenue of the province, it was officially learned.

From such sources, under the provisions of the Corporations Taxation Act, Saskatchewan now derives a revenue of slightly more than \$400,000, a large percentage coming from insurance companies.

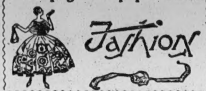
In the effort to balance the budget by increasing revenues and reducing some forms of public services, the government proposes to make amendments to the Corporations Taxation Act with a view of bringing the revenue from that source to upwards of \$800,000, the banks to pay a fair share of the 100 per cent. increase.

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Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

ECONOMICAL CHICKEN SALAD

(Without Chicken)

- 2 cups cold roast pork, diced.
- 1 1/2 cups celery, finely cut.
- 3/4 cup dill pickle, chopped.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika.
- Mayonnaise.
- Lettuce.

Combine pork, celery and pickle. Add seasonings and sufficient mayonnaise to moisten. Serve on crisp lettuce. Garnish with additional mayonnaise.

MINIKEN JELLY ROLLS

(4 eggs)

- 3/4 cup special cake flour, sifted.
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 4 eggs.
- 3/4 cup sifted sugar.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla.
- 1 cup red currant jelly.

Sift flour once and measure. Combine baking powder, salt, and eggs in bowl. Fold over smaller bowl of hot water and beat with rotary egg beater, adding sugar gradually until mixture becomes thick and light-colored. Remove bowl from over hot water. Fold in flour and vanilla. Pour into two pans, 15 x 10 inches, lined with greased paper, and bake in hot oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) 10 minutes. Turn from pans at once onto cloth covered with confecturers' sugar. Remove paper. Quickly cut off crisp edges of cake, cut each cake into six pieces of equal size, spread with jelly, and roll. Wrap in cloth and cool on rack. Before serving, decorate rolls with rosettes and borders of sweetened whipped cream forced through pastry tube. Makes 12 rolls.

An Important Event

But First Railway Train To Cross Africa Did Not Thrill World

The first railway train to cross Africa from ocean to ocean started July 1, this year, on its journey from Lobito Bay, to Beira, a distance of 2,949 miles. The event was a vastly important one, and the engineering achievement was worthy of note, but it was calmly accepted by the world. Yet when David Livingstone, the first white man to cross Africa, made the journey in two years, there was hardly anyone throughout all the world who didn't thrill to his grand adventure, and hardly a home where it was not a topic of burning interest.

Women Granted Homesteads

Alberta women are steadily taking advantage of the new provincial ruling that women may now file on homesteads. A report issued by the Lands Department recently showed that in October out of a total of 368 homesteads filed upon in Alberta, 174 applications for these free lands were made by women.



"What are you doing there?"
"The doctor recommended me sun baths, and so I have left the tub in the sun all day and now I am having my bath!"—Pages Gales, Yverdon.

Exhaustive Tour

Canard Line Has Arranged For Economical Tour Of Ceylon and India

Public interest in India and Ceylon has become intensified in recent months, an interest which finds expression in an unusual, "economical" tour of Ceylon and India just arranged for the Canard Line in collaboration with the American Express Company. Following the price trends of the day, the cost will be kept down to a minimum. This is said to be the first time that such an exhaustive tour of India has become possible at popular prices.

The tour leaves New York on March 5th in the "Aquitania." The "Aquitania" will sail direct to the Mediterranean on what will be her second cruise this winter to those waters. The party call at Gibraltar, visiting the Fortifications, Trafalgar Cemetery, and other points of interest in the British Fortress. The following day a call at Algiers will enable the tour party to explore the city thoroughly and to see parts of Algeria. Crossing the Mediterranean again, the "Aquitania" will arrive at Nice on the 14th, two days will be spent along the Riviera, the party proceeding by motor coach to Marseilles.

Here the Ceylon and India party will embark on the s.s. Mongolia, 17,000-ton P. & O. liner, formerly carrying first and second class and now converted to accommodate only tourist class.

Colombo is reached on the 2nd of April and the most interesting parts of Ceylon will be visited during the three days spent there. The party then proceed on their Indian tour, arriving at Madras on the 5th and after visiting the city proceeding by express to Calcutta. After two days in the former Indian capital, the party proceed by mountain railway to Darjeeling, 7,500 feet high in the Himalayas. The usual trip will be made to view the sunrise over Mount Everest and the Himalayas. After returning to Calcutta the party leaves for Benares, one of the world's oldest cities, thence to Agra where a visit will be made to the Taj Mahal, the Fort and the Palaces. There will also be a visit to the deserted city of Fatepur Sikri, returning via Akbar's Tomb at Sikandra. Three days will be spent in Delhi, then returning to the coast to Bombay, visiting the colonial Claves of Elephanta and the Towers of Silence, strange burial places of the Parsees.

For the return journey the tour party will sail from Bombay on the new P. & O. liner "Strathairn," 22,000-ton gross, calling at Marseilles. London is reached on May 20th where the party disembark and go by boat-train to Southampton to connect with the Cunarder "Mauretania" which sails back for New York on May 21st arriving in America on the 27th.

The recent political and social developments in India are expected to attract a large number of Americans and Canadians to this unusually exhaustive tour of Ceylon and India.

Like Early Easter

This year Good Friday falls on the 25th of March, and Easter will be here on the 27th of March. Those farmers who think there is good fortune in store for the man who begins his seeding on Easter Monday may have a muddy or a snowy seeding this year. Even tobacco planters like to see an early Easter. To them it seems to mean quick retreat of the Frost King's treacherous forces.

Scotland is to have a country-wide temperance campaign in 1932.

Mary had a little lamb. What will you have?

Few Of Them Left

Canada's Little Band Of Knighted Gentlemen Growing Less

The death of Sir George Foster reminds us again that time inevitably is drawing closer the ranks of Canada's little band of knighted gentlemen. In the benches of the Senate and the House of Commons titles used to be more common, perhaps, than the qualities of statesmanship. Now in the Upper House is left only Sir Allen Aylesworth, to carry on the tradition of knighthood, while in the Commons Sir George Perley and Sir Eugene Fiset keep him company; and of the three only Sir George Perley is really active in the public life of the Dominion.

Outside Parliament as well the knights who were politicians are becoming rare under our democratic plan. Sir Thomas White is immersed in private affairs; Sir Henry Drayton runs the Ontario Liquor Control Commission; Sir William Mulock, full of years and honors, does his day's work on the Ontario Bench; Sir Robert Borden enjoys the autumn of his days in peace and privacy.

The majority of our remaining knights are outside the ranks of politics—business men, soldiers, educationists. Seven of them are soldiers, beginning with Sir Arthur Currie; one of them—Sir Robert Falconer—is an educationist; the remainder of them are either judges or bankers.

Five barons remain: Atholstan, Beaverbrook, Greenwood, Shaftesbury, Strathcona, but of these, three live permanently in England.

A few decades more, and Canada, we suppose, will be knightless. One may be permitted to wonder whether the consequence will be that more rugged democracy which our Parliament foresaw some thirteen years ago. We should like to think so, but the world, alas, isn't as simple as that.—Ottawa Journal.

Manitoba's Grain Acreage

Estimate For This Year Shows Substantial Increase

With an increase of 1,016,550 acres compared to the previous year, the Manitoba acreage for grain in 1932 is estimated at 5,173,000 acres.

The increases are in summer fallow, 252,000 acres, and in ploughing, 585,000, according to the provincial department of agriculture. According to the figures gathered, 62,000 acres were broken last year; there were 1,873,000 acres under summer fallow, and 3,236,000 acres of fall ploughing.

Arrived Too Late

A policeman was standing guard over the house where the tragedy had occurred, when a young man tried to enter, but was pushed back.

"Look here," he said indignantly. "I am a journalist, and I—er—came—along to do this—er—murder."

"Ho, did you?" scoffed the policeman. "Well, you're too bloomin' late—e's dead."

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Imports Of Butter Are Less

Marked Falling Off In Imports Is Shown By Bureau Of Statistics

Canada's imports of butter during the calendar year, 1931, were greatly reduced from the previous year, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Last year imports of 2,821,317 pounds had a value of \$832,531, while for the year 1930, the imports were 33,606,055 pounds, valued at \$1,239,662. For December the butter imports were almost negligible, amounting in value to only \$197, as against a value of \$20,781 for December, 1930. Of the former amount Australia exported to Canada only thirty dollars' worth. The total was divided mainly between the United States and the United Kingdom.

A New Industry

Unemployed Men To Be Given Work In Manitoba Forests

Jackpine from Manitoba's forests is to be cut this winter for use as telephone and hydro poles and as square timber, thus giving the province a new industry and a number of unemployed men work. Announcement was made by Hon. W. R. Clubb, Minister of Public Works, that a contract for cutting jackpine in the Lac Du Bonnet district had been let.

Hitherto this wood had not been considered suitable for poles, but recent tests carried out at the suggestion of the Industrial Development Board of Manitoba are said to have proven its value.

B.C. Coal Production

Coal production in British Columbia for all of 1931 was 1,653,731 tons, a slight decrease from 1,887,130 tons mined in 1930, it was stated at the legislative buildings. December output was 171,811 tons, compared to 177,204 tons in December of the previous year. Total decrease from the previous year was 188,899 tons, shared evenly as between nearly all districts.

The ancestral line of the cabbage is tracked back to the cliff cabbage of Europe and Asia.

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THE HOUSE OF DREAMS-COME-TRUE

BY MARGARET PEDLER

"The Splendid Folly," "The Hermit Off Far End," Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd., London.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"Wait till you're tempted," he said shortly. "Wait till what you want wars against what you ought to have—what you're the right to take."

For a moment she made no answer. Put bluntly like that, the matter suddenly presented itself to her as one of the poignant possibilities of life. Supposing—supposing such a choice should ever be demanded of her? She felt a vague fear catch at her heart, an indefinable dread.

When at last she spoke, the eyes she lifted to meet Tormarin's were troubled. In them he could read the innate honesty which was prepared to face the question he had raised, and behind that—courage. A young untried courage that only waited till some call should wake it into fighting actuality.

"I hope," she said with a wistful humility that was rather touching, "I hope I should stick it out. One's ideas, and duty, and other people's rights—it would be horrible to scrap the lot—just for love."

"Worth it, perhaps, you?"—his voice was the least bit uneven—"you haven't been up against love—yet."

Again she was conscious of that little catch at her heart—the same convulsive tightening of the muscles as on one experience when a telegram was put into one's hand which may, or may not, contain bad news.

"You haven't been up against love yet."

The words recalled her knowledge of the tragic episode that lay in Tormarin's own past. The whole of her life she did not know—only the odds and ends of gossip which one woman had confided to another. But here, in the man's brevity of speech, surely lay proof that he had suffered. And if he had suffered, it followed that he must have cared deeply for the woman who had thrown him aside for the sake of another man.

Jean's first generous impulse of pity as she realized this was strangely intermingled with a fleeting disquiet, a subconscious sense of loss. It was only momentary, and not definitely enough for her to express in words,

even to herself—hardly more than the slightly blank sensation produced upon anyone sitting in the sunshine when a cloud suddenly intervenes and drops a shadow where a sunbeam had been before there was warmth and light.

An instant later it was overborne by her spontaneous sympathy for the man beside her, and, recognizing the rather painful similarity between her father's treatment of Judith Craig and the story she had heard of the unknown woman's treatment of Tormarin himself, she tactfully deflected the conversation to something that would touch him less closely, launching into description of the life her parents had led at Birnie.

"They were wonderfully happy together. Not in the least—as I suppose they ought to have been—an awful example of poetic justice!" she declared. "Glyn used to call Birnie's his 'House of Dreams-Come-True.'"

"Glyn?"—suddenly remarking her use of Peterson's Christian name. She smiled.

"I never called them father and mother. They would have loathed it. Glyn used to say that anything which savoured so much of domesticity would kill romance!"

"That sounds like all that I have ever heard about him," said Tormarin, smiling too. "So does the 'House of Dreams-Come-True.' It's a charming idea."

"He took it from one of Jacqueline's songs. She had a glorious voice, you know."

"Yes, so I've heard. I suppose you have inherited it?"

"No, I wish I had. But Jacqueline insisted on trying to teach me singing, all the same. Poor dear! I was a dreadful disappointment to her, I'm afraid."

"Couldn't you sing the 'House of Dreams' song? I'm rather curious to hear the remainder of it."

Jean rose and crossed to the piano. "Oh, yes, I can sing you that. Jacqueline always used to say it was the only thing I sang as if I understood it, and Glyn declared it was because it agreed with my 'confounded principles'!"

She smiled up at him as her fingers slid into the prelude of the song, but her little jaw against herself brought no answering smile to his lips. Instead, he stood waiting for the song to begin with an odd kind of expectancy on his face.

Jean had most certainly not inherited her mother's exquisite voice, but she had a quaint little pipe of her own, and she sang with a quality in it that was without its equal. It lent a wistful charm to the simple words of the song.

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The soft, husky voice ceased, and for a moment there was silence. Then Tormarin said quietly:

"Thank you, you don't think your mother need have felt any great disappointment concerning your voice. It has its own qualities, even if it is not suited to the concert hall."

"But the words of the song?" questioned Jean eagerly. "Don't you like them?"

"It's a pretty enough idea." He laid a faint significant stress on the last word. "But for some of us the 'House of Dreams-Come-True' has never been built. Or, if it has, we've lost the way there."

There was a note of rigid acceptance in his voice, as though he no longer strove against the decisions of destiny, and Jean's eager sympathy leaped impulsively to her lips.

"Don't say that!" she began. Then checked herself, flushing a little. "I hate to hear you speak in that way," she went on more quietly. "It sounds as though there were nothing worth trying for—worth waiting for. I like to believe that everyone has a house of dreams which may 'come true' some day." She paused. "If we face straight on, come fine, come wet," she repeated softly.

Her eyes had a far-away look in them, as though they were envisioning that narrow, winding track which leads, somewhere, to the place where dreams—even the most wonderful of them—shall become realities.

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themselves, together until there were whole streets of them—glowing townships—instead of merely an isolated dwelling here or there.

As Tormarin listened to Jean's young, eager voice, his face opened, and some of the tired lines in it seemed to smooth themselves out.

"Little comrade," he said gently, and she felt her breath quicken as he called her again by the name which he had used at Montavan—

and once since, when they had come suddenly face to face at Coombe Exile Station. But that second time the words had escaped him unaware.

Now he was using them deliberately, withholding no part of their significance. "Little comrade, I think the man who 'frees straight on' with you for 'fellow-traveller' will find the House of Dreams-Come-True. But it isn't—just any man who may start that journey with you. It mustn't be—his grave eyes held her intensely—

"a man who has tried to find the road once before—and failed."

It seemed to Jean that, as he spoke, the wall which he had built up between them since she came to Staple crumbled away. This was the same man she had known at Montavan, whose hands reached out to hers across some deep dividing line which neither he nor she might pass.

She knew now what that dividing line must be—the shadow flung by a past love, his love for Nesta Freyre which had ended in hopeless tragedy.

There must always be a limit set to any friendship of theirs. So much he had implied at their first meeting. But, since then, he had taken even that friendship from her, substituting a deliberate indifference against which she had struggled in vain.

And now, without knowing quite how it had come about, the barrier was down. They were comrades once more—and she was conscious of it. "Oh, yes, I can sing you that. Jacqueline always used to say it was the only thing I sang as if I understood it, and Glyn declared it was because it agreed with my 'confounded principles'!"

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Open Northern Route

Report States Churchill Port Ready For What Commerce Is Offered

Snowbound in the Arctic twilight, the harbor of Churchill on the shore of Hudson Bay, is fated to meet its crucial test this summer. Hon. D. G. McKenzie, Manitoba's Minister of Natural Resources, has announced the townsite is to be opened to the public. Hon. R. J. Manion, Dominion Minister of Railways, states the port is ready for what commerce is offered.

The twin announcements, coming simultaneously from Winnipeg and Ottawa, indicate the fate of the new northern shipping route may be settled during 1932. In September, 1931, two cargoes of prime prairie wheat—545,000 bushels in all—sailed from the rock-bound, bottle-neck harbor to be delivered overseas. Sea captains greeted the test results with approval. Now a more serious trial is impending.

Announcement by Mr. McKenzie that the townsite will be thrown open to the public puts an end to the reports that a ban was to be placed on entry into the new settlement.

It had been indicated that the Dominion Government might restrict this restriction on unofficial passage past mile 327 on the 512-mile Hudson Bay Railway, stretching 512 miles northeast from The Pas to Churchill.

Mr. Manion ruled—the matter was entirely in the hands of the province and the province has thrown open the gates.

Granted Radio Papers

Candidates Obtain Certificates Of Proficiency In Commercial Wireless

The radio branch of the Department of Marine has announced that out of 91 candidates examined during December, the following were among those obtaining certificates of proficiency in commercial wireless: A. E. H. Burton, W. J. Busswood, A. E. Evans, R. B. Hoodspeth, A. H. Hooper, R. E. Hope, S. B. Hurst, D. McDonald, A. H. N. W. Robson, C. C. Spring, D. H. Swan, and C. W. Thomas, all of Vancouver, B.C.; C. E. Carver and C. P. Griffin, Victoria, B.C.; G. J. Grey, Pictou, N.S.; A. K. King, Port Alice, B.C.; W. L. F. Parkin, Powell River, B.C.

Amateur certificates were awarded the following: T. A. Raig, A. V. Freeman and W. M. Newitt, Vancouver, B.C.; W. G. Spouse, Victoria, B.C.; J. S. Gilbert, British Beach, B.C.; G. J. Grey, Pictou, N.S.; B. C. J. D. Murphy and L. A. Sedore, Okanagan, Sask.; M. R. Jensen, Regina, Sask.; and E. H. May, Swift Current, Sask.

In Praise Of Japan

Missionary With Many Years Experience Thinks China Needs

In a letter received by the Toronto Globe from a missionary in Manchuria dated Nov. 1, the following reference to the present trouble between China and Japan is made:

"We cannot but sympathize with the Japanese, and we feel the League is for some reason favoring China, to the introduction of Japan. If China should succeed in getting a victory over Japan through the League there will be much more to bear from her than even in the past. . . . China needs a good thrashing from some country to bring her leaders to their senses. I am quite sure if the people of China knew what foreigners generally and Japanese in particular, have had to put up with there would be a strong pro-Japanese feeling."

The missionary who wrote the above has had many years experience in missionary work in China, and doubtless writes out of personal knowledge of the conditions and existing situation.

Heal your horse while it works. Apply Douglas' Egyptian Liniment to sore necks and flaps. A sure, speedy treatment.

How He Squared It

There is a certain sporting fellow whose wife prohibited him from backing horses. But he continued secretly. One evening an old friend, unaware of the prohibition, dropped in and said to the punter, "Well, did you have any luck with Jeannette yesterday?" Instantly the wife shot her husband an ugly look and went out of the room. "You've done it!" groaned the husband. "My wife thinks I don't bet now. You'll have to square this with her." In a few moments, when the wife returned, the friend said, breezily: "I say, Mrs. Smith, I'm awfully sorry if I misled you just now. Jeannette isn't a horse, you know. She's a barnmaid."

Among the Greeks, the harp was played chiefly by women.

Unshaken Faith in Future of Canada Expressed at Royal Bank Annual Meeting

"I have witnessed many depressions during the last fifty years, and I see nothing in this one which weakens my faith in this country."—Sir Herbert Holt, President.

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At the annual meeting of The Royal Bank of Canada held at the Head Office in Montreal, both the President, Sir Herbert Holt, and the Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. M. W. Wilson, were emphatic in their expressions of unqualified confidence in Canada. Sir Herbert Holt's mature and world-wide business experience is reflected in his statement: "I have witnessed many depressions during the course of the last fifty years and I see nothing in this one which weakens my faith in this country." The tone of both addresses was one of quiet optimism, exemplified by Mr. Wilson's remark, "While I do not wish to voice any prediction as to the date of business recovery, it will be very disappointing if an improvement does not take place during 1932. The leaders of politics and finance in the principal countries are capable of bringing this about and the indictment against any who block the way will be severe indeed." The President pointed out that with quoted values of most securities well under their intrinsic worth; improvement could be expected as and when measures were taken which would result in a real return of confidence in the United States. Earlier in his remarks he had referred to the splendid record of the Canadian banking system during a time when disorganization in finance was accentuating the depression in many other countries. He expressed the opinion that the relatively satisfactory position of Canada could be attributed in no small degree to the stability of our banking organization and the way in which industry had been supported.

Before mentioning the adoption of the report Sir Herbert referred with profound regret to the death of Mr. Neil, after a lifetime spent in the service of the bank. His passing the bank has lost a very able and loyal friend, and a Canadian banker and distinguished citizen.

After dealing briefly with the situation in agriculture and the principal manufacturing companies in Eastern Canada, and expressed the opinion that the development though difficult of accomplishment was a constructive one and highly desirable if Canada was to continue to maintain the supremacy to which she is entitled by reason of her natural advantages.

Railways.

The appointment of a railway commission was mentioned with approval and the belief expressed that such a commission should be capable of bringing in recommendations which would in large measure solve the present very serious situation caused by uneconomic operation and duplication of services. The President stated "Savings to the country of over \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year are possible and this without impairment of service to the public."

Imperial Conference.

Pointing out that as long as other nations raise intolerable tariff barriers against British Empire goods it is necessary that the different parts of the Empire should protect themselves by concerted action. He expressed hope in the results of the Imperial Conference to be held in Ottawa, provided careful analysis and close study produced a scientific tariff structure which would stimulate reciprocal Empire trade without handicapping home industry.

Public Finance

The success of the National Service Loan was referred to as a notable achievement. He stressed the fact that both internal and external revenue had been maintained in the decline in the activity of trade and that excessive expenditures by governments and municipalities had placed a heavy burden of indebtedness on the people. "There never was a time in our history when it was so necessary to avoid extravagance of every kind, and governments, Federal, Provincial and Municipal, should follow the splendid example set by the British National Government in reducing the cost of administration and balancing their budget."

Closing his remarks Sir Herbert said in part "It has been said that it is darkest just before the dawn, and in previous depressions conditions have been so discouraging at a time when improvement had already set in. The violence of the depression has led us to expect to produce a strong reaction. It may well be that the gold countries are now on the verge of a rise in the price level."

A Short Phone Call

A native of Chicago, recently stopped over night in a Nebraska City hotel. Wishing to telephone to his home city, he asked the local operator the rate. When informed, he growled that in Chicago he could telephone to hell for that sum. Whereupon the girl replied sweetly: "Yes, but that's within the Chicago city limits."—Nebraska City Press.

Canadian Fruit For England

Twenty-six hundred cases of canned British Columbia loganberries left Victoria for England recently. The British market is absorbing about 9,000 cases of this product weekly, according to the B.C. Government market report. Packers in the province this year have exported between 100,000 and 70,000 cases of canned vegetables.

An expert says that there are 20 different kinds of fogs. Does this include the one in which we are left by income-tax forms?



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year Ending December 31, 1931, for the MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of BATTLE RIVER No. 423, ALBERTA

RECEIPTS		ASSETS		LIABILITIES		Seed Grain and Feed Relief Statement	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31st, 1930	\$92.74	Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1931 (Mun. Only)	\$298.60	Outstanding Cheques Dec. 31, 1931 (Mun. Account)	\$51.38	Balance from Previous Year	\$26350.76
Bank Balance Dec. 31, 1930	6673.28	As per Bank Books Dec. 31, 1931 (Mun. Only)	3098.49			Interest Added in 1931	1335.47
RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT MUNICIPAL REVENUE:		UNCOLLECTED MUNICIPAL TAXES:		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:		Total Loans with Interest	
Municipal Taxes including Costs		Municipal Taxes Uncollected		Salaries—Secretary-Treasurer		2388.23	
17513.49		13815.90		Machinery and Supplies		139.48	
ADVANCES AND CHARGES REPAID:		ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		LOANS:		Balt. Owning District by Farmers Dec. 31, 1931	
Hospital, Aid and Relief (charge to person)		Commissions—Prov. Taxes		School—Prin. \$5500.00; Int. \$128.05		27746.75	
65.52		94.30		Hospital—Prin. \$850.00; Int. \$41.95			
Seed Grain and Feed Relief		FIXED ASSETS:		TRUST LIABILITIES:		VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31st, 1931	
7.10		Land and Buildings for Mun. Purposes		Supplementary Revenue:		Cash on Hand at Dec. 31, 1931 (as per above Cash Statement)	
Fees and Weeds		Office Furniture and Fixtures		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		698.16	
23.95		909.00		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931, 1499.00		Additional Cash Received Between Dec. 31, 1931 and Date of Audit	
FINES, FEES, LICENSES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:		Machinery and Tools		Educational:		1304.15	
Fines		5140.00		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		Less Deposited in Bank Between Dec. 31, 1931 and Date of Audit	
1.35		6690.00		Wild Lands:		2181.00	
Seizure or T. R. Costs		TRUST ASSETS:		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		Balance Cash on Hand and Actually Counted by me at Date of Audit	
31.01		Supplementary Revenue:		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		21.25	
Tax Cert. Fees		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		Hospital:		2202.91	
3.00		507.42		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		AUDITOR'S STATEMENT	
Cemetery		81.68		Collections not remitted Dec. 31, 1931, 187.52		I have audited the accounts of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 for the year ending 31st December, 1931, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Municipality, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned under General Remarks by Auditor.	
35.00		Educatinal:		Seed Grain and Feed Relief Due Provincial Government		The statistical information contained herein was obtained from the books and records of the district, or from information supplied by officials of the Municipality.	
Government Road Grant		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		27746.75		Signed: W. MASSON, Auditor.	
2371.00		Hail:		Outstanding Cheques School Act		Imma, Alberta.	
Commissions—Prov. Government		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		4612.52		NOTICE OF MEETING	
191.41		Collections in Bank and on Hand		Balance Assets over Liabilities		Take notice that a meeting of the electors of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 20th day of February, 1932, in Kiefer's Hall, Imma, Alberta, for the discussion of Municipal Affairs, and that at the same place and on the same day, the returning officer will receive nominations of candidates for the office of Councillor from three o'clock P. M. to four o'clock P. M. for Divisions 1, 2, and 4.	
39.28		Seed Grain and Feed Relief Owning by Farmers (Gov. Guarantee)		16994.94		Charles Wilbraham, Acting Sec. Treas.	
School Districts		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931		TOTAL		PUBLIC MEETING AT FABYAN	
39.28		27746.75		\$97647.63		Take notice that a public meeting will be held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 13th day of February, 1932, in Fabyan School, Fabyan, Alberta for the discussion of Municipal Affairs of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423, this meeting is for the benefit of the ratepayers of Divisions 1 and 6.	
Hail Board		School:				Signed: Charles Wilbraham, Acting Sec. Treas.	
8.70		Uncollected Dec. 31, 1931				Mun. Dist. of Battle River No. 423	
LOANS:		COLLECTIONS IN BANK AND ON HAND					
Municipal		28213.92					
School \$19,400.00; Hospital \$1200.00		73650.34					
24600.00		TOTAL		\$97647.63			
SUNDY:							
Overpaid Taxes							
262.50							
Foundations Excess							
30.80							
Suspense							
23.74							
Rebate School							
23.45							
Municipal							
24.80							
Hospital							
1.95							
Damage Claims Deposits							
33.20							
TRUST MONIES RECEIVED:							
Supplementary Revenue							
3780.16							
Wild Lands							
837.32							
Hospital							
1682.43							
Hail Insurance							
300.18							
School							
21173.36							
Reported School Arrears (less Com.)							
746.67							
28500.12							
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES OR OVERDRAFT, as at Dec. 31, 1931:							
Mun. Act—Outstanding Cheques							
51.38							
School							
4612.52							
4603.90							
TOTAL							
\$85247.44							
PAYMENTS							
Outstanding Cheques and, or, Overdraft Dec. 31, 1930							
\$5438.02							
ADMINISTRATION:							
Salaries—Secretary-Treasurer							
1600.00							
Audit Fees \$100.00; Bond \$20.00							
120.00							
Election Expenses							
25.00							
Legal Expenses \$120.46; L.T.O. \$25.00							
145.46							
Seizure Expenses							
50.00							
Printing							
240.00							
Postage and Stationery							
329.67							
Taxes \$12.42; Insurance \$17.90							
30.32							
Tax Recovery Costs							
130.45							
Mun. Dist. Assoc. Fees							
20.00							
Delegates' Expenses							
5.00							
Council Fees (Meetings)							
416.50							
Sundry Expenses							
24.05							
Committee Work							
38.00							
1642.45							
PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY:							
Found Expenses and Refund							
56.80							
Fees and Weeds							
110.47							
Weed Inspector's Fees							
84.05							
251.31							
GRANTS, AID & RELIEF, HEALTH & SANITATION:							
Mothers' Allowance							
225.00							
Old Age Pensions							
45.66							
Aid and Relief							
322.11							
Medical Health Officer							
200.00							
702.77							
PUBLIC WORKS:							
Labor							
11279.35							
Machinery and Repairs							
744.54							
Material							
827.79							
Council Fees (Road Supervision)							
197.00							
Workmen's Comp. Board							
31.25							
12881.93							
LOANS:							
Municipal: Prin. \$4000.00; Int. \$115.30							
4115.30							
School: Prin. \$20900.00; Int. \$74.23							
21474.23							
Hospital: Prin. \$1550.00; Int. \$52.20							
1602.20							
26991.73							
SUNDY:							
Refunds of Overpaid Taxes							
262.50							
TRUST MONIES REMITTED:							
Supp. Revenue							
3100.48							
Wild Lands							
722.73							
To Hospitals							
157.47							
To Hail Board							
208.00							
School Districts: Requisitions							
18450.08							
Reported Arrears							
199.98							
Seed Grain and Feed Relief							
199.98							
Paid Commission on School Arrears							
39.28							
25037.39							
BALANCES DEC. 31st, 1931:							
Municipal Account—In Bank							
3098.49							
Cash on Hand							
298.60							
Prov. Taxes Trust Act—In Bank							
1608.43							
Cash on Hand							
77.89							
Hospital Tax Trust Act—In Bank							
.08							
Hail Insur. Tax Trust Act—In Bank							
92.18							
School Taxes Trust Act—In Bank							
4612.51							
Cash on Hand							
521.67							
10349.25							
TOTAL							
\$85247.44							
The above Cash on Hand was Deposited on Jan. 5th, 1932.							
Less \$10.45							
Tax Sale Statement							
Date Tax Notification Registered by L.T.O., Nov. 18, 1928							
Date of Public Sale Dec. 10, 1931							
Number of Parcels Sold during year—Nil							
Amt. received in 1931 from Forfeited Lands—Nil							
Cancelled—Nil							
Disposition of Receipts:							
Credited to Mun. or other Taxes or Costs—Nil							
Credited to Government Trust Taxes—Nil							
Surplus—Nil							
Inventory of Equipment							
Office Equipment							
\$900.00							
Material							
50.00							
Tools							
20.00							
Graders							
3300.00							
Frenos							
800.00							
Scrappers							
50.00							
Plovers							
320.00							
Road Drags							
600.00							
Land and Buildings							
650.00							
TOTAL							
\$6990.00							
No. of Unsubdivided Parcels under Taxation							
1068							
No. of Unsubdivided Parcels Exempt from Taxation							
30							
No. of Subdivided Parcels under Taxation							
29							
No. of Subdivided Parcels Exempt from Taxation							
8							
Total Number of Parcels in Municipal District							
1145							
Statement of Expenditure on Public Works							
(*) Amt. Allocated under Sec. 65, M.D. Act (incl. Gov. Grant)							
Amt. Actually Paid by M.D. during year							
Divisions							
Labor Only							
Machinery and Repairs, Etc.							
Total Allocated							
Div. 1. S. Merrick							
\$1754.82							
Div. 2. J. Burrell							
634.03							
Div. 3. R. D. Smallwood							
2644.59							
Div. 4. F. B. Challies							
2189.20							
Div. 5. W. A. Burton							
2705.84							
Div. 6. H. D. Vesey							
2093.12							
Total							
\$12021.60							
(*) State how over or under-expenditure of previous year was adjusted: Dr. or Cr. from and to Allocation as case may be.							
Remuneration of Councillors for Supervision of Road Work and Attending Council Meetings.							
(M.D. Act, Sec. 61, Subsecs. 1 & 4)							
Supervision of Road Work							
Council Meetings							
Mileage							
Total							
Div. 1. S. Merrick							
\$4.00							
Div. 2. J. Burrell							
4.00							
Div. 3. R. D. Smallwood							
4.00							
Div. 4. F. B. Challies							
4.00							
Div. 5. W. A. Burton							
4.00							